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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

I thought a cheese sandwich had been left in the office until I remembered the **Free** scent-sational **Scratch 'n' Sniff Sticker** on the cover!

For a kick-off this issue sees three stories reach a *conk*-lusion. Plus - due to huge demand - there's a double dose of Sonic stories. Amazingly enough, the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge have taken notice of your pleas so read on ...

There's a *scent* of danger for Sonic in the final episode of **Return of Chaotix**! Sonic finds himself up against another mighty menace in the **Odour Zone**! Can it really be the end of the road for Knuckles in the final installment of **The Graveyard**? Who *nose* the outcome of Sonic's World? Find out in the finale of **Brute Force**!

Not to be *sniffed* at is the **UKCAC**(UK Comic Art Convention) photo special from last October, where you Boomers got to meet the *STC* team in the gruesome flesh! Well, there's another one due to take place in London on 3 March ...

Finally, get in the swim with *STC*'s *fishy* **Chopper Badnik** pin-up, and practice *air* guitar in preparation for the **Beavis & Butt-Head** Q-Zone.

Anyway, I'm off dear Boomers ... and so is that cheese sandwich!

Megadroid

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6		↓	MORTAL KOMBAT 3
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8		↓	THEME PARK
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4	↑	MICKEY MANIA
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10	RE	FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

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8	●	SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
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10	NEW	STAR WARS

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3	↓	THE LION KING
4	↑	SONIC DRIFT RACING
5	↓	DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
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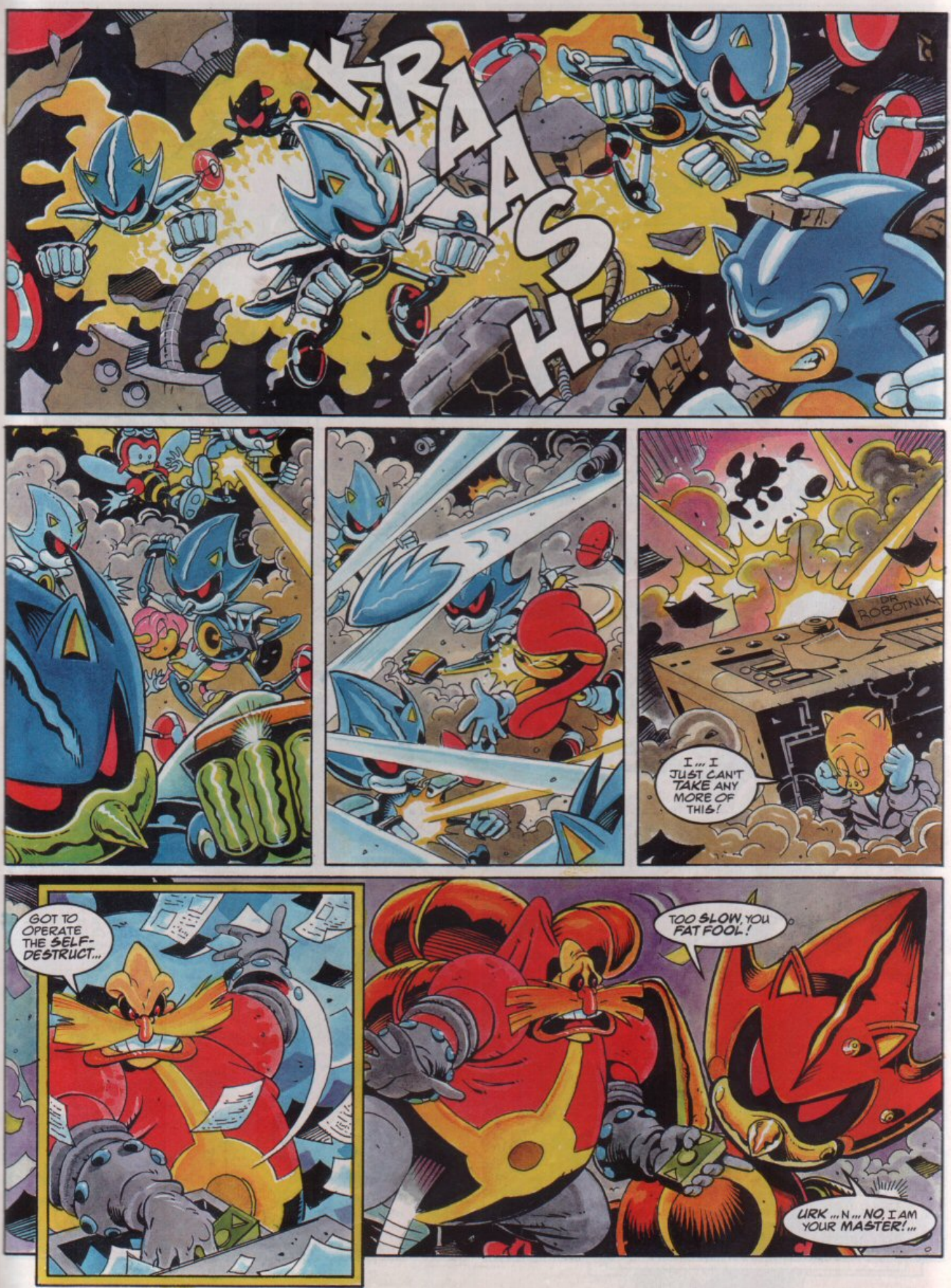
9	↓	DROPZONE
10	NEW	BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Return of Chaotix
Part 6
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: RICHARD ELSON
Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE
SONIC HAS RETURNED FROM HIS TIME TRAVELLING MISSION IN THE PAST.
HE NOW KNOWS THAT THE KEY TO DESTROYING THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX IS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.
THAT IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS STORY I HAVE EVER HEARD!
IT'S TRUE ALL RIGHT, LARD BELLY!
THE METALLIXES WENT INTO THE PAST TO STOP YOU EVER BEING CREATED! SO YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE AFRAID OF!
WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS THIS...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CREATED THE METALLIXES IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO IF THEY DESTROY HIM DON'T THEY DESTROY THEMSELVES TOO?

AH ... I ER, THINK I MAY BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT ...
GRIMER? WELL, COME ON THEN, SPILL IT!
WELL, THE THING IS YOU SEE, IT WAS ME WHO CREATED THE METALLIX BADNIKS... THEY WERE MY DESIGN!
HELPED BY MY GENIUS, GRIMER, YOU SNIVELLING CLOD!
OH YES, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK DESIGNED THE SELF-DESTRUCT PROGRAMME!
WHAT?
BOY, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR QUITE A STORM... YESSIREE-BOB!
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU SENT ME AFTER THE METALLIXES* ... YOU RISKED MY LIFE WHEN YOU COULD HAVE DESTROYED THEM BY REMOTE CONTROL?
* SEE STC 60 - MEGADROID.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT, HEDGEHOG! IT WAS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY! I HOPED THEY WOULD DESTROY YOU AND THEN I COULD ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT PROGRAMME!

WHY I OUGHT TO...
I SEE... THE METALLIXES CAN'T REMOVE THE SELF-DESTRUCT PART OF THEIR PROGRAMME SO THEY TRIED TO STOP IT EVER BEING PUT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
ROBOTNIK, THIS WOULD BE A REAL GOOD TIME TO RUN THAT SELF-DESTRUCT PROGRAMME!
YES ... YES, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT!
HEY, JUST LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT CLOUD... WE'RE IN FOR A REAL DOWN-POUR...
CHARMY, WHAT ARE YOU DRIVELLING ON ABOUT?
THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY CLOUD I'VE SEEN BEFORE...
OH NO!

BLOTTING OUT THE SUN... METALLIXES... THOUSANDS OF THEM!


KRAASH!
DR ROBOTNIK
I ... I JUST CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS!
GOT TO OPERATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT...
TOO SLOW, YOU FAT FOOL!
URK ... N ... NO, I AM YOUR MASTER! ...

TO THINK THIS SMALL DEVICE COULD DESTROY THE ENTIRE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX...
FIRST I SHALL CRUSH IT... THEN I WILL DO THE SAME TO YOUR NECK!
KRRK-
THIS IS IT... I'VE GOT TO BE FAST!
BUT 'FAST' IS WHAT SONIC DOES BEST!
TAK
NOOO! WE CANNOT BE STOPPED NOWWW...
THAT'S IT? I MEAN... HAVE WE WON?
NGGH!
YOU ACTIVATED THE SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE... OF COURSE YOU'VE WON! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
I... I DUNNO! IT'S JUST A BIT OF AN ANTI-CLIMAX SOMEHOW...

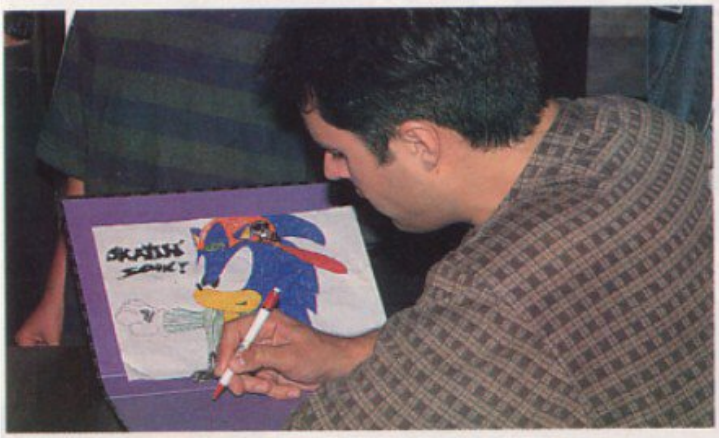
DON'T KNOCK IT, SONIC, WE'RE ALL STILL ALIVE... BARELY!
THAT WAS CLOSE, ROBOTNIK! THAT WAS REAL CLOSE!
THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX NEARLY DESTROYED ALL LIFE ON MOBIUS...
OH, WHAT'S THE USE? C'MON GUYS, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SONIC'S RIGHT... THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX NEARLY KILLED US ALL...
NO, GREAT ROBOTNIK... THE IDEA IS STILL A GOOD ONE! WE JUST NEED A NEW DESIGN!
A BADNIK BASED ON SONIC PROVED TO BE TOO UNSTABLE...
THIS IS MY NEW IDEA!
NEXT ISSUE: SONIC AND TAILS IN A SPIN!

UKCAC ZONE

STC'S CREW EXPOSED!

A fantastic time was had at the **UK Comic Art Convention** (**UKCAC**), held last October in London. Thank you to the hoards of Boomers who turned up to meet the *STC* team in the gruesome flesh (special thanks must go to Linda and Nyla Mehdi who had travelled overnight on the coach from Edinburgh!).

Artists created *STC* sketches on request and script writers were kept on their toes with quick-fire questions; even the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge were put to work (for a change!). Check out the photos taken on the day, but be warned ... the event was such a success - it's all going to happen again!



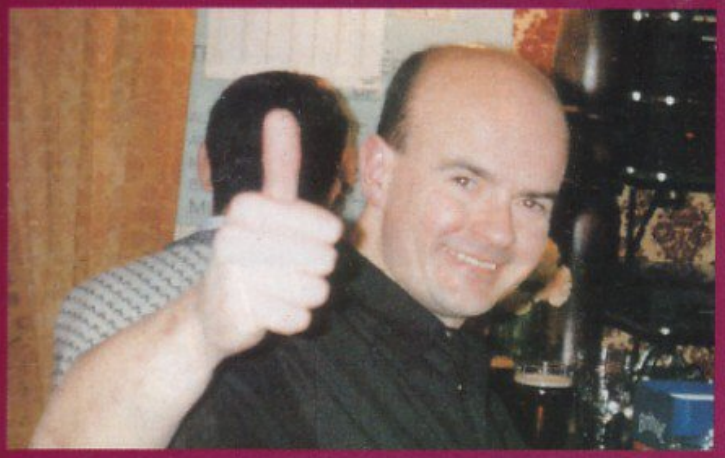
Richard Elson, Sonic artist extraordinaire!

Nigel 'the Comic' Kitching.

The Right Honourable Carl Flint.

Mark **3.00pm, Sunday, 3 March** in your diaries and trek off to the **Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1**. There's **FREE** entry (for the *STC* event only), provided adult-humes are accompanied by children!

The panel will once again include **Nigel Dobbyn, Richard Elson, Carl Flint, Nigel Kitching, Lew Stringer** and **Steve White.**



Lew Stringer gives the day the thumbs up!

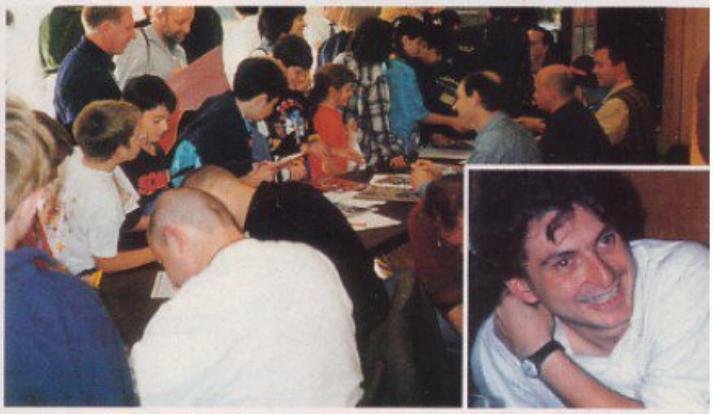
Aud-itorial **Wong!**

Daddy of them all, **Richard Burton** swaps e-mail numbers with Judge Dredd!

STC's ed grabs potential reader, Siobhan Fagan - (who was just passing!).

Nigel Dobbyn, Knuckles busting.

Steve 'the great' **White** Ecco artist.



Please do not feed the artists!

Design Droid **Gary Knight.**

If you can't make it along, try your and enter the **Name The Artist Competition** on the following page (incidentally, the 'mystery' artist will also be at **UKCAC**).

* Parents/adults/minders please note:-

The *STC* event is just part of the **UK Comic Art Convention**, which will be a two day event featuring comics of all types and for all ages. For the convention in general, children under 14 years are admitted free, provided they're accompanied by an adult (who is charged £10 per day).

Opposite the **Institute of Education** is the **Royal National Hotel** where you'll find dozens of stalls featuring comics to buy and sell. Guest writers and artists from across the world also host signings and talks.

Please note that neither *Sonic The Comic* or Fleetway Editions Limited has anything to do with the organisation of the main convention.

If you have any queries, please contact **e-mail** number **101345,2422@compuserve.com**

See over... ➡

NAME THE ARTIST COMPO!

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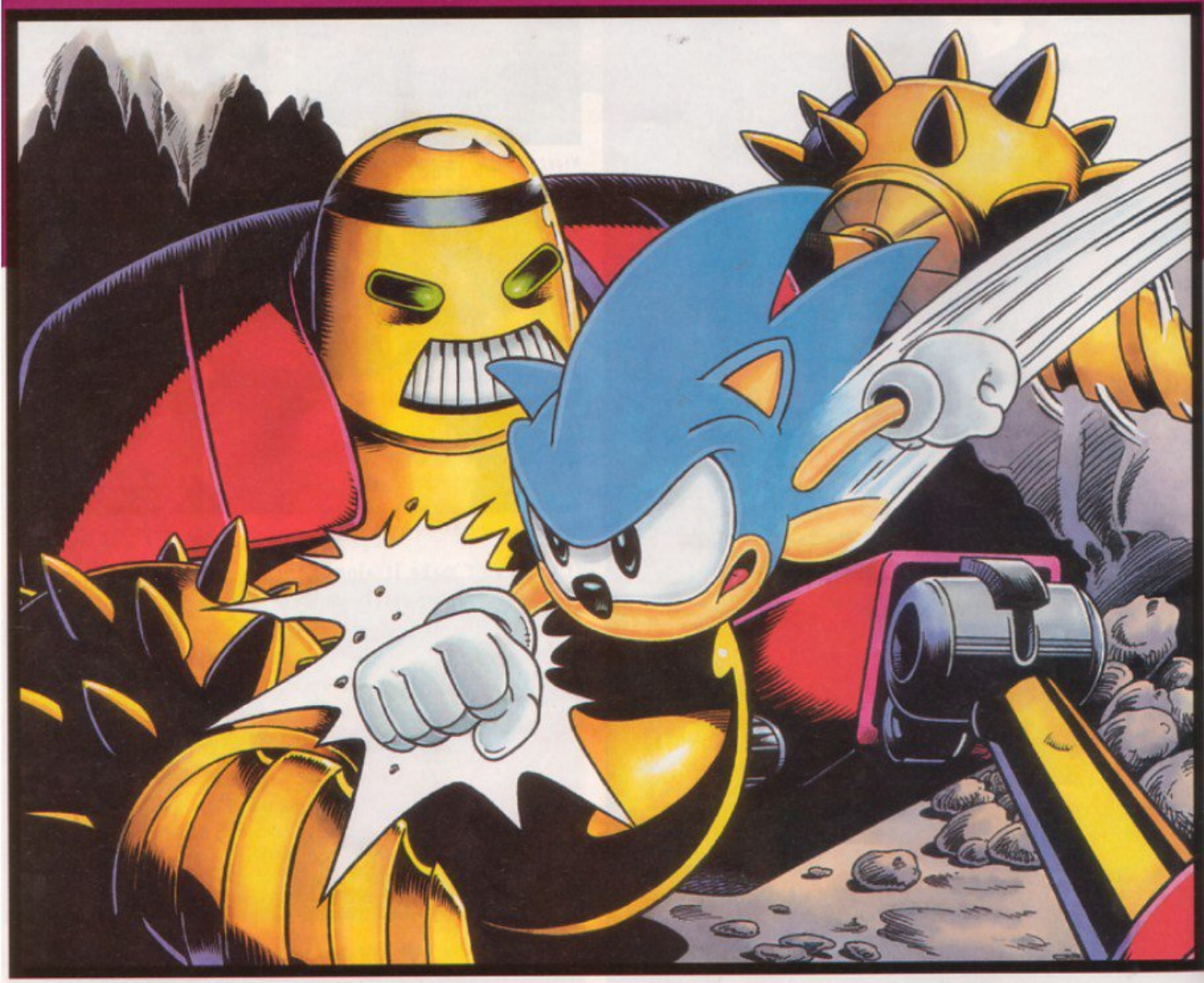

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How would you like to own a page of original Sonic artwork? All you have to do to enter the **Name The Artist Competition** is simply answer the following question:-

Name the *STC* artist who drew the page above?
(clue: he/she hasn't been mentioned in this feature - but will be at the forthcoming convention).

Next, write your answer clearly on a postcard or sealed down envelope and post it to:-

Name The Artist Compo
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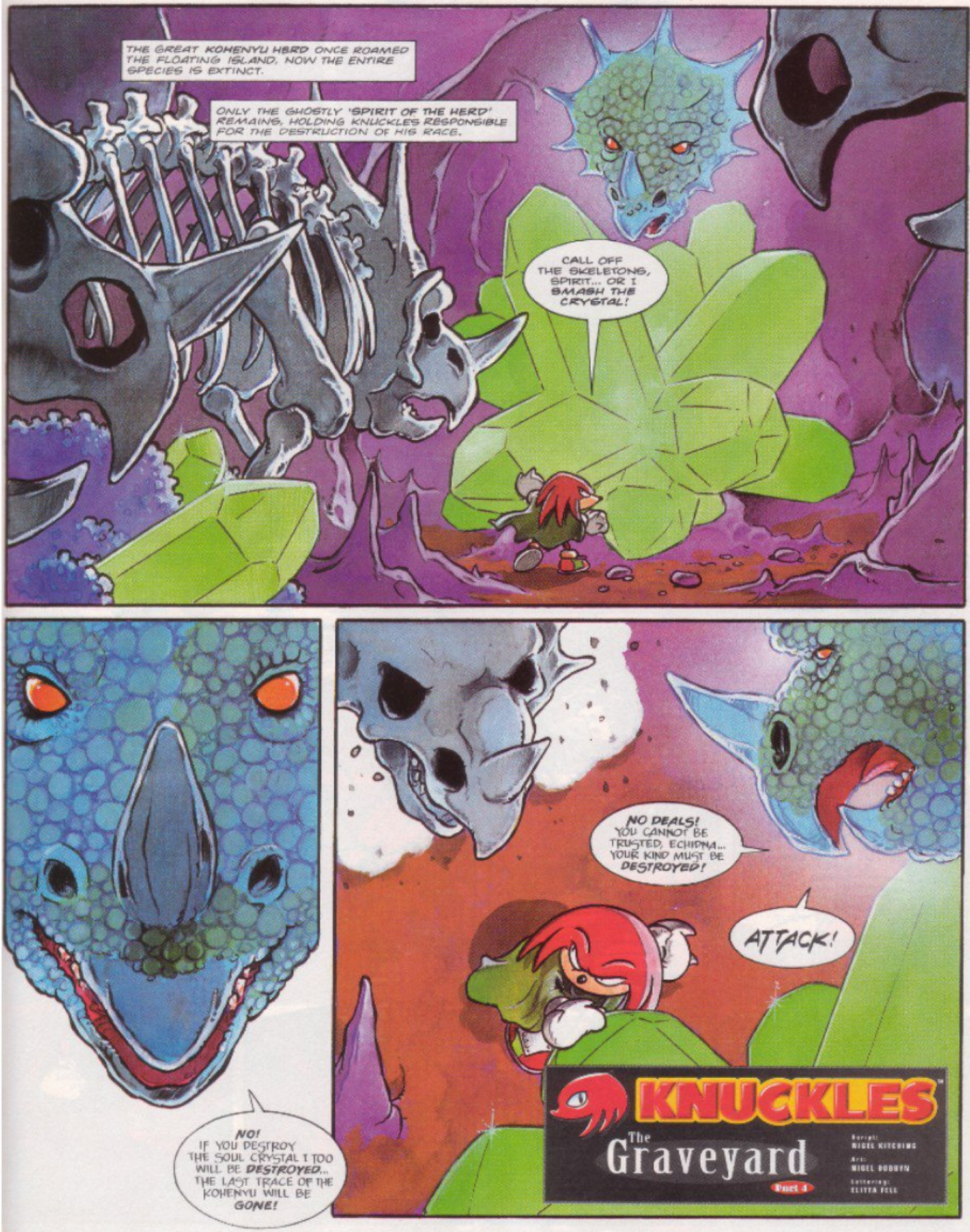
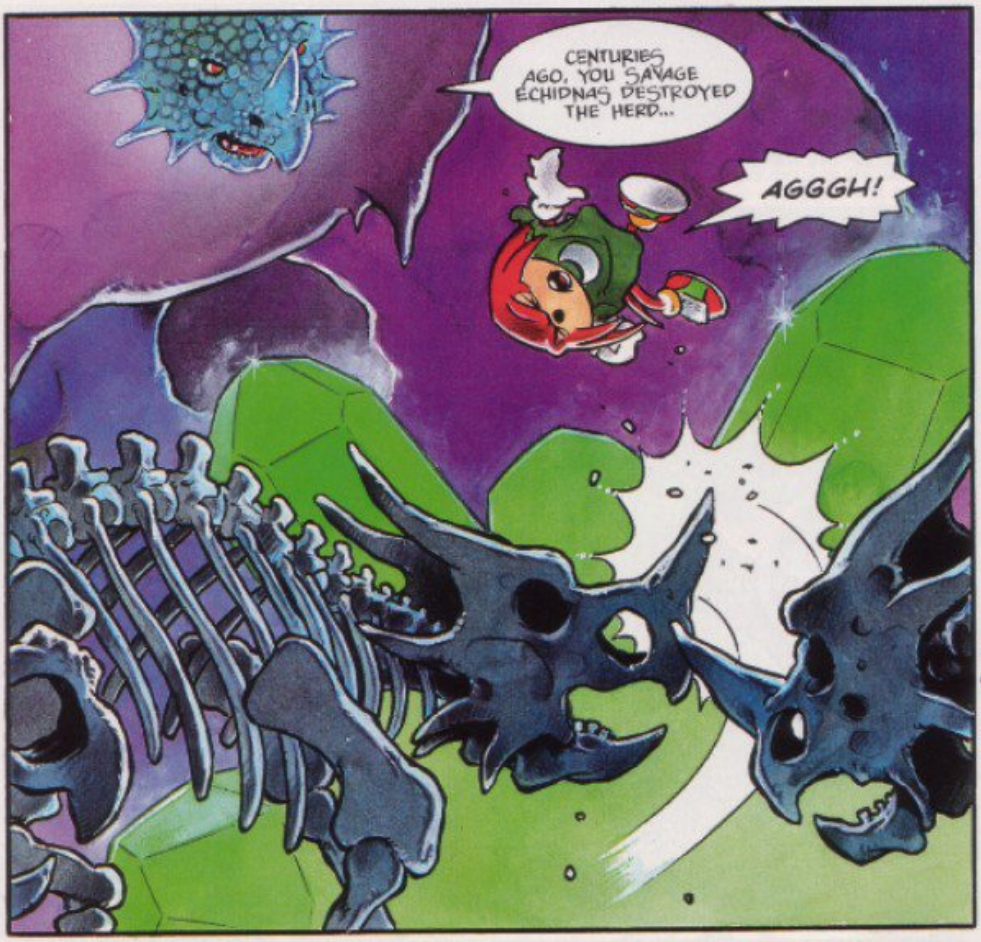
Closing date for entries is **Friday, 29 March 1996.**

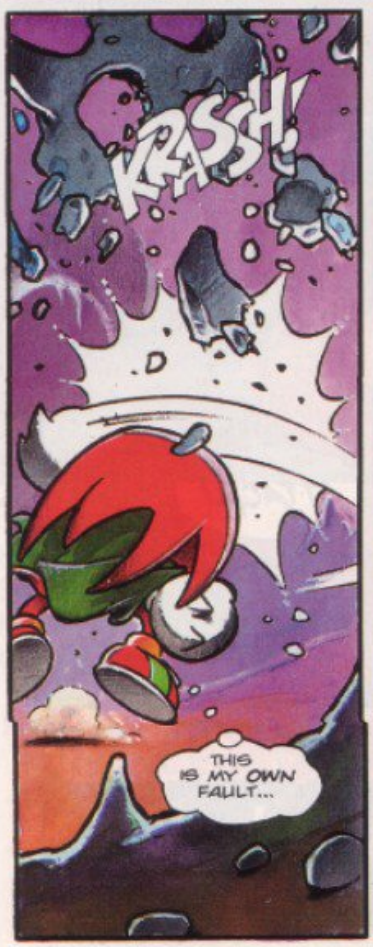
The first correct entry pulled from Megadroid's oil can, will win the artwork (kindly donated by the mystery artist). The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

The END

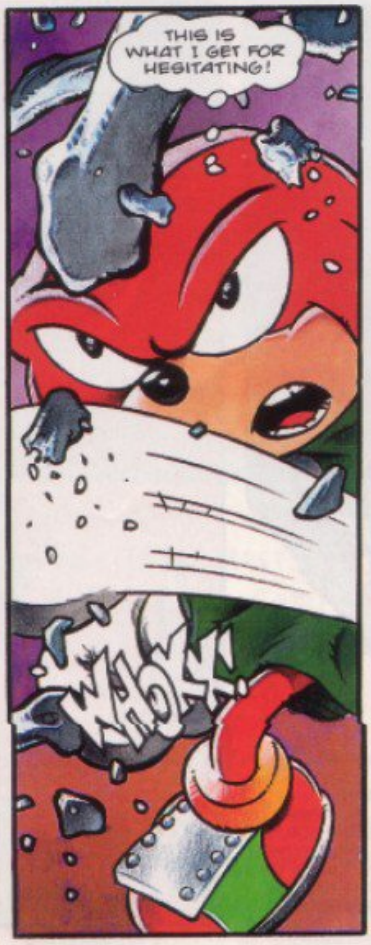

THE GREAT KOHENYU HERD ONCE ROAMED THE FLOATING ISLAND. NOW THE ENTIRE SPECIES IS EXTINCT.
ONLY THE GHOSTLY 'SPIRIT OF THE HERD' REMAINS, HOLDING KNUCKLES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS RACE.
CALL OFF THE SKELETONS, SPIRIT... OR I SMASH THE CRYSTAL!
NO! IF YOU DESTROY THE SOUL CRYSTAL I TOO WILL BE DESTROYED... THE LAST TRACE OF THE KOHENYU WILL BE GONE!
NO DEALS! YOU CANNOT BE TRUSTED, ECHIDNA... YOUR KIND MUST BE DESTROYED!
ATTACK!
KNUCKLES
The Graveyard
Part 4
Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: ELITTA FELL


CENTURIES AGO, YOU SAVAGE ECHIDNAS DESTROYED THE HERD...
AGGGH!

NOW, FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE, WE WILL TAKE OUR TERRIBLE REVENGE!
UGHH!


KRASH!
THIS IS MY OWN FAULT...

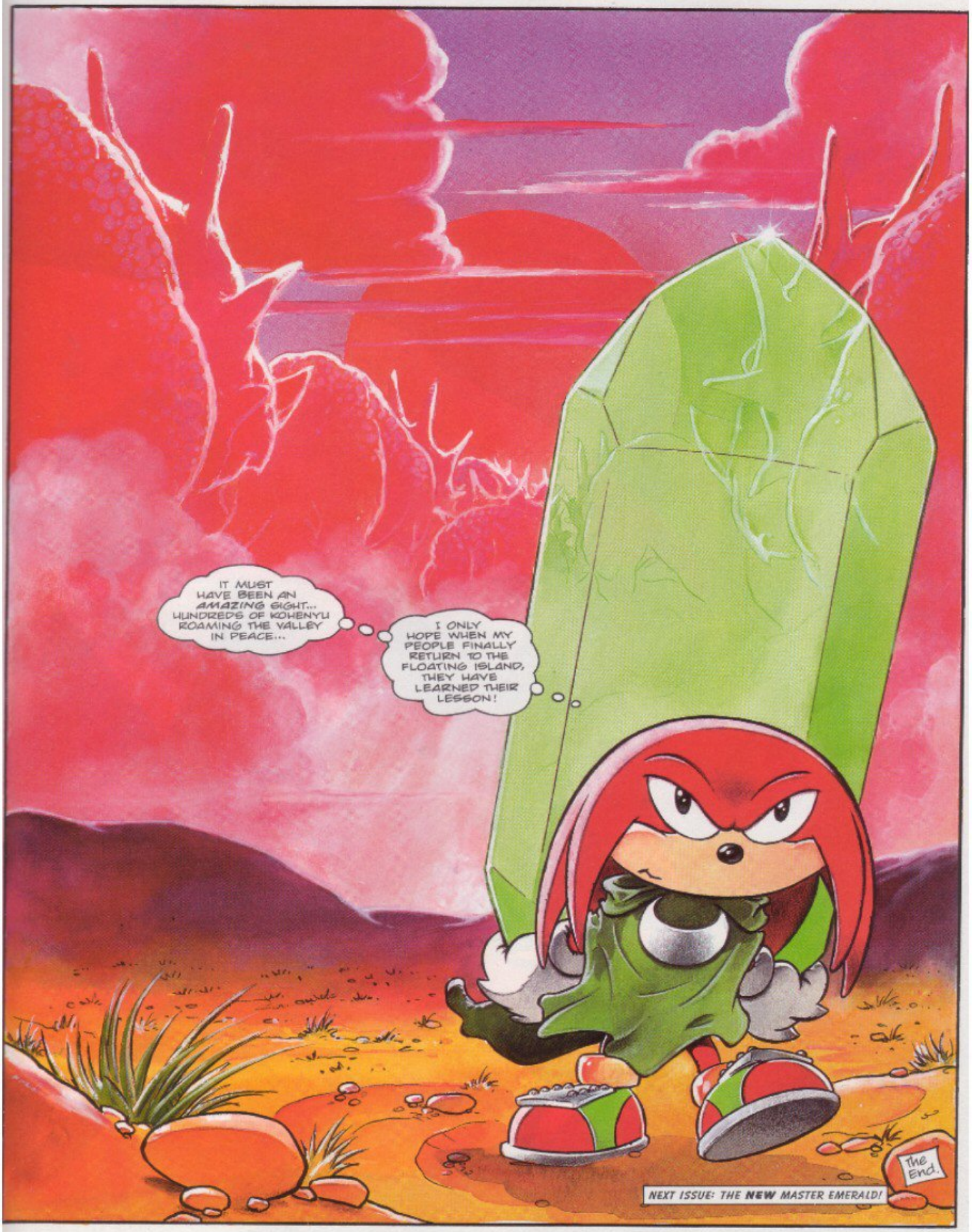
BRAKK!
...I SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED THAT SOUL CRYSTAL WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE!


THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR HESITATING!
KAOK

WELL, I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN!

I DON'T WANT TO DO IT, BUT DESTROYING THIS CRYSTAL IS THE ONLY WAY TO END THIS MADNESS!
NOOO!
I JUST CAN'T DO IT!
I CAN'T BE THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING THE LAST TRACE OF THE HERD!
YOU SEE, SPIRIT, MY PEOPLE LEFT ME ALONE ON THIS ISLAND... I DON'T KNOW WHY... I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY WENT!
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL...
...I KNOW HOW IT IS TO LOSE YOUR PEOPLE!

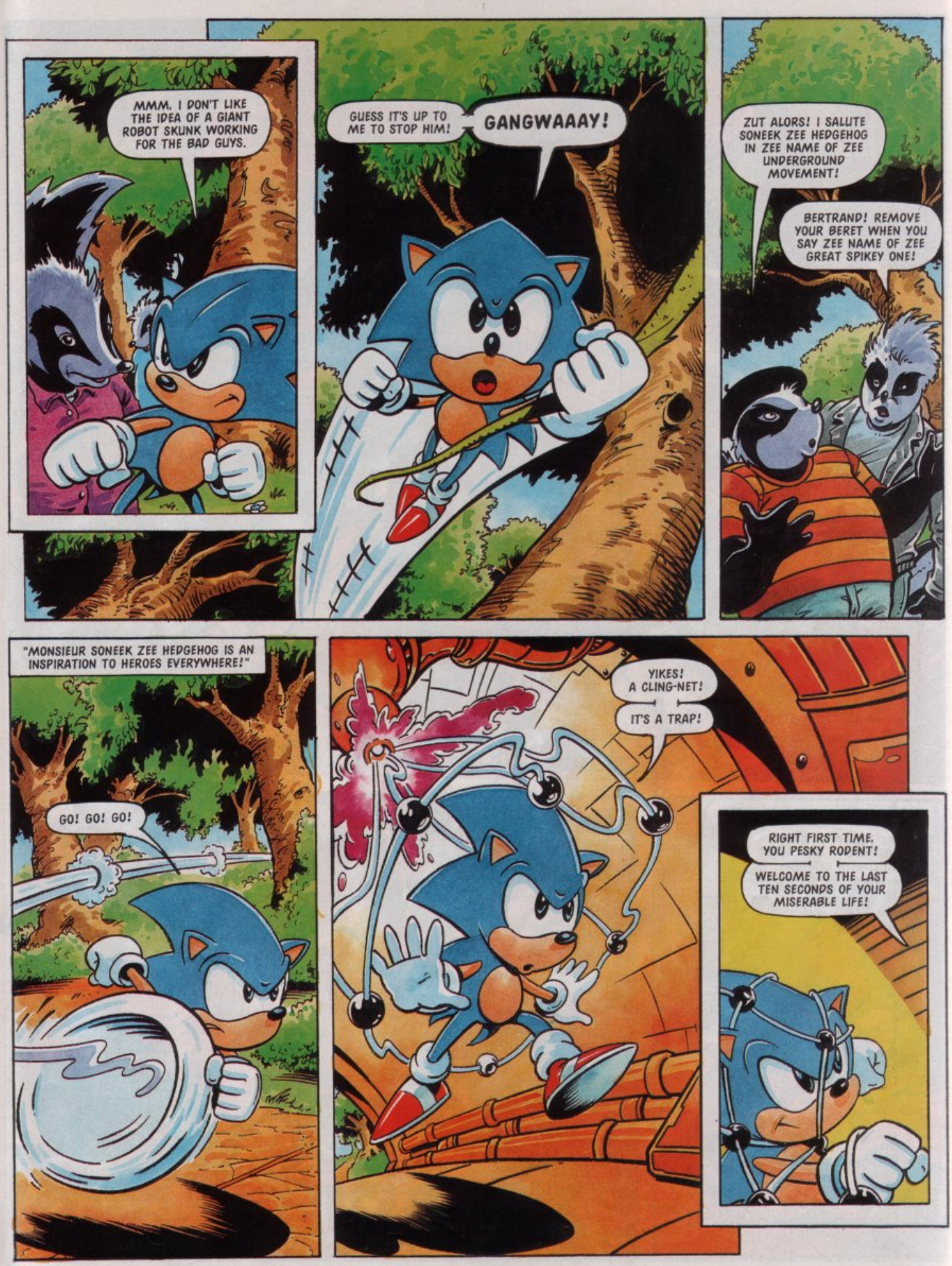
YOU... YOU COULD HAVE DESTROYED ME, YET YOU DID NOT...
PERHAPS I HAVE MISJUDGED YOU, ECHIDNA...
PERHAPS IT IS TIME FOR THE ANCIENT HATRED TO END!
TAKE THE EMERALD YOU CAME FOR, AND GO IN PEACE!
THANKS, I WILL...
...BEFORE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND!
FAREWELL, ECHIDNA!
THANK YOU, SPIRIT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TURN THIS GEM INTO A FINE NEW MASTER EMERALD*.
AND THE NAME'S KNUCKLES, BY THE WAY!
* THE PREVIOUS ONE WAS DESTROYED IN STC # 67.

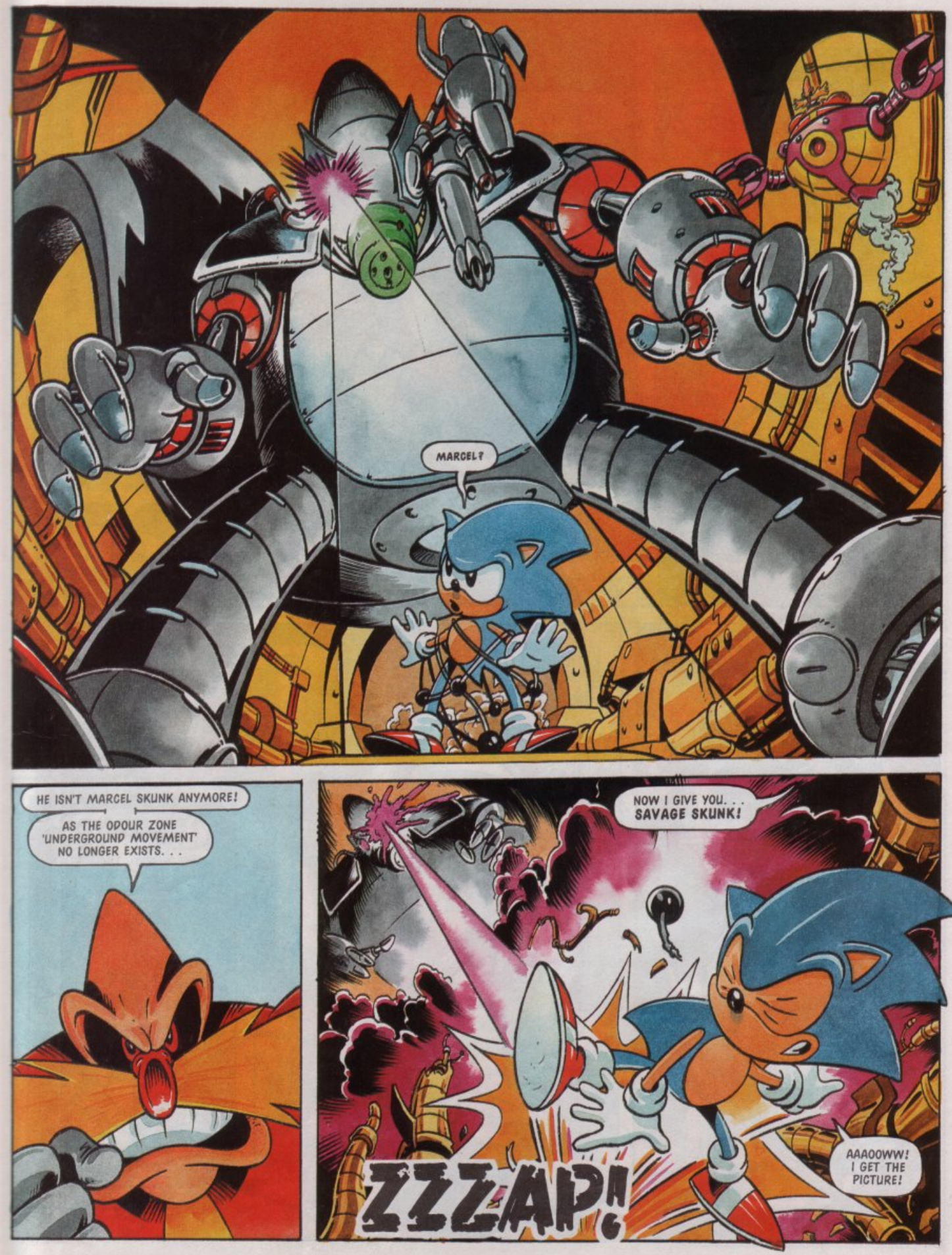

IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING SIGHT... HUNDREDS OF KOHENYU ROAMING THE VALLEY IN PEACE...
I ONLY HOPE WHEN MY PEOPLE FINALLY RETURN TO THE FLOATING ISLAND, THEY HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSON!
The End
NEXT ISSUE: THE NEW MASTER EMERALD!

PLANET MOBIUS. TROUBLE COMES A-CALLING AT THE MOST UNEXPECTED MOMENTS. . .
BBBRRMMM!
Odour Zone
EXTRA SONIC STORY
WHAT ON MOBIUS WAS THAT ?
HOP FOR YOUR LIVES! SOMETHING'S TEARING THROUGH THE FOREST!
FORTUNATELY, THERE'S ALWAYS A COOL BLUE HEDGEHOG AROUND WHEN YOU NEED HIM.
WHAT'S GOING ON? HAS PORKER LEWIS BEEN OUT JOGGING AGAIN?
WORSE, SONIC! SOMETHING'S BEEN TRASHING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH!
SMELLS TO ME LIKE THE WORK OF BAD-EGG DOCTOR ROBOTNIK. I'LL CHECK IT OUT, TAILS. . .YOU STAY HERE AND HELP CLEAN UP.
THANKS A BUNCH!
DON'T MENTION IT, PAL! CATCH YOU LATER!
LOOKS LIKE THIS PATH IS HEADING FOR THE HEART OF THE ODOUR ZONE! MAYBE THOSE DUDES IN THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS.
PULSATIN' PIXELS!

Script: MARK MILLAR Art: MIKE HADLEY Lettering: TOM FRAME

THE ODOUR ZONE. IT'S EVEN MORE MESSY THAN MY BEDROOM!
WOW! I DIDN'T THINK DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WOULD APPROACH YOU LOT.
KAFF! KAFF! WE UNDERESTIMATED ZEE RAT, MONSIEUR SONEEK!
"OUR LEADER, ZEE GREAT MARCEL SKUNK WAS CAUGHT BY ROBOTNIK'S EVIL BADNIKS WHEN HE TRIED TO SABOTAGE ZEE DOCTOR'S LAB. . ."
ZAT CRUEL—AND POORLY-QUALIFIED SCIENTIST THEN TURNED OUR BRAVE LEADER INTO ZEE BIGGEST BADNIK OF ZEM ALL!
SACRE BLEU! HOW EET BREAKS MY HEART!


MMM. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF A GIANT ROBOT SKUNK WORKING FOR THE BAD GUYS.
GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO STOP HIM!
GANGWAAAY!
ZUT ALORS! I SALUTE SONEEK ZEE HEDGEHOG IN ZEE NAME OF ZEE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT!
BERTRAND! REMOVE YOUR BERET WHEN YOU SAY ZEE NAME OF ZEE GREAT SPIKEY ONE!
"MONSIEUR SONEEK ZEE HEDGEHOG IS AN INSPIRATION TO HEROES EVERYWHERE!"
GO! GO! GO!
YIKES! A CLING-NET!
IT'S A TRAP!
RIGHT FIRST TIME, YOU PESKY RODENT!
WELCOME TO THE LAST TEN SECONDS OF YOUR MISERABLE LIFE!

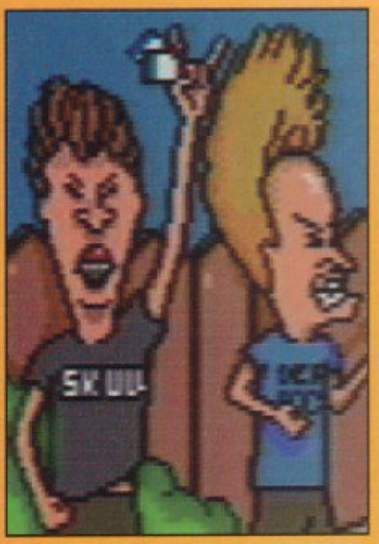

MARCEL?
HE ISN'T MARCEL SKUNK ANYMORE!
AS THE ODOUR ZONE 'UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT' NO LONGER EXISTS. . .
NOW I GIVE YOU. . . SAVAGE SKUNK!
ZZZAP!
AAAOOWW! I GET THE PICTURE!

FFZZAK!
BWAH HA HA HA! LOOK AT THE LITTLE RAT RUN!
HEY, I JUST WANTED TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND SMELLY TO WORK UP A SUPER-SONIC SPIN!
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS!
WHIFF THIS, SABOTAGE-SKUNK!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
YIIIKES!
KRAK-KOOOM!

:KAFF KAFF!: WHAT HAPPENED? THE SMOKE FROM THE EXPLOSION. . .I CAN'T SEE!
YOU'LL SEE STARS WHEN WE'VE FINISHED WITH YOU, ROBOTNIK!
I MIGHT BE MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW, BUT I'M NOT MESSING WITH THOSE TWO!
SACRE BLEU! HOW CAN WE EVER SANK YOU, SONEEK? WERE IT NOT FOR YOU, I, MARCEL, WOULD BE A SLAVE OF ZEE EVIL ROBOTNIK.
I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU IN THE HANDS OF AN EVEN BIGGER SKUNK. NOW COULD I?
THE END.

Q ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION.
Q IS FOR QUERY.
Q IS FOR QUANDARY.



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Chris Jones head-butts the Q Zone into action ...

BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD

MD
MEGA DRIVE

GG
GAME GEAR

SPECIAL Part 2

WARNING: THIS GAME IS NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER READERS.

HOSPITAL

Check into the sick room by eating the green hamburger near the dumpster at Burger World. Jump onto the examination table, take the scissors and then go into the corridors and steal Billy Bob's scooter. Avoid all the trash cans until you end up down a flight of steps. Billy Bob will fall down them too and give up a ticket piece.

THE STREET

Go to the end of the street, down the manhole and into the sewers; at the end of the sewers is a junk yard and beyond that is a bone. Get the bone and make your way back to the houses. Go to the second house and shoot the man on his lawnmower with the pea shooter. Now pick up the key. Give the bone to the dog and go to the shed and pick up the fishing rod and chainsaw. Prune his tree with the chainsaw to find a bird's nest with a ticket piece in it.

HIGH SCHOOL

Go to Mr Van Driessen's room (which has a peace symbol on the door), and pick up the gum under his desk. Visit Mr Buzzcut and belch on him to enable you to steal two small chemical bottles. Now visit Mr McVickers office and drop the bottles, they will stun him and allow you to get the ticket piece in his room.

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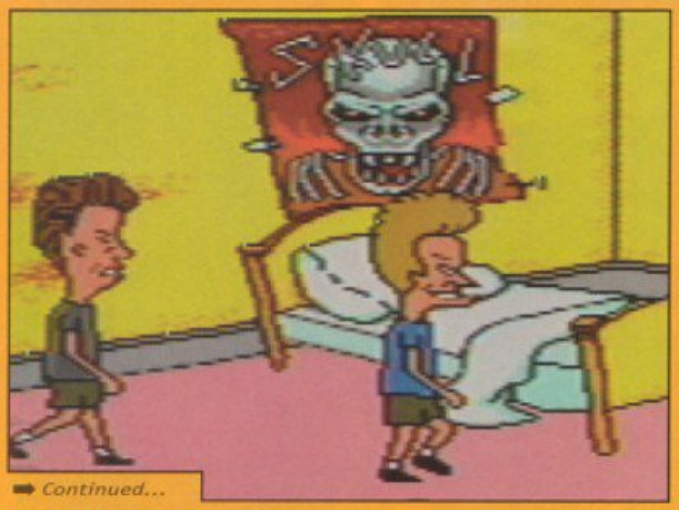

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DRIVE-IN

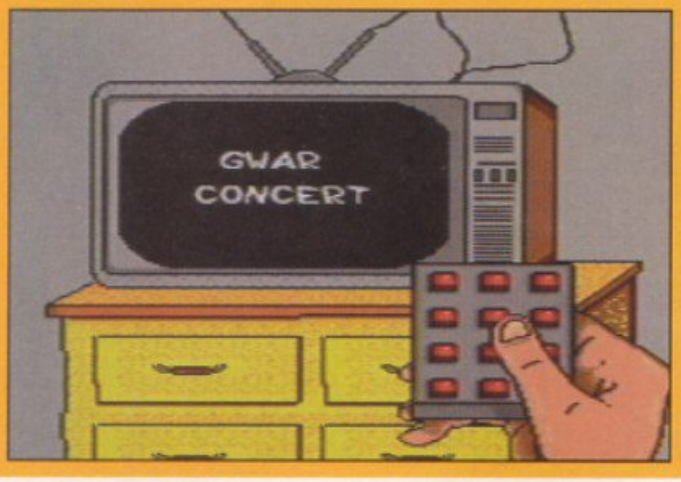
To gain entry, you need $3.00, the bomb from the Army recruitment office at the Turbo Mall and the camera. Once there, drop the bomb in the food stand (to make it go off, get Butt-Head to drop it, pick it up and wait). Look at all the cars to see which one is rocking. Take a photo of the rocking car and you'll get chased by a woman. Run and jump your way back to the food stand where she will fall and give up a ticket piece.

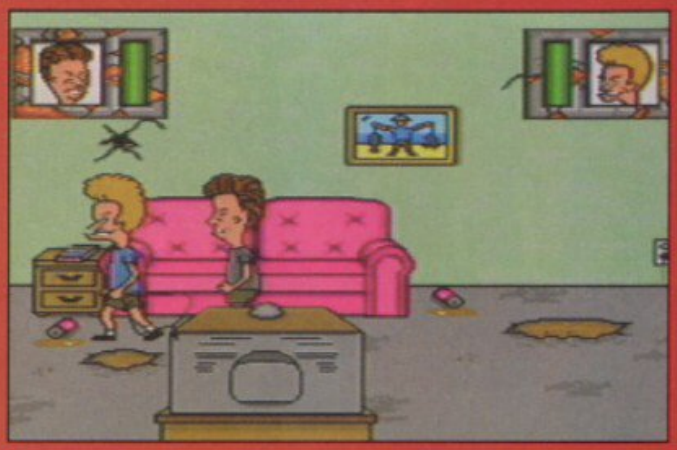
COUCH FISHING

Use the fishing rod and bait to fish for goodies. The piece of gum found at the school will catch the last GWAR ticket piece.

GWAR CONCERT

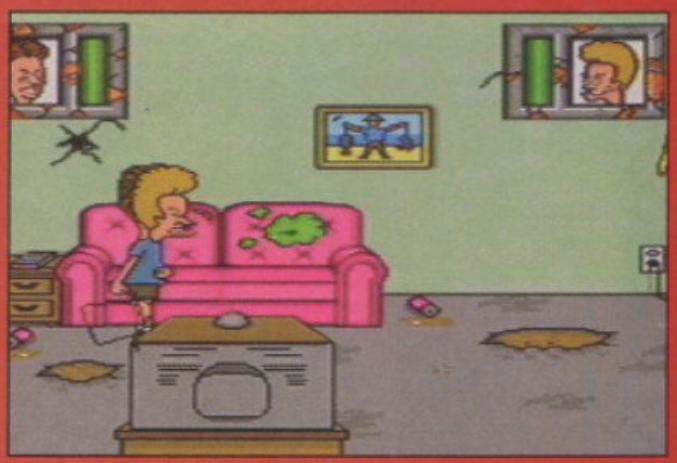
Let's rock Boomers! Enter either through the front or the backstage entrance. Go for the latter to truly complete the game. Use the machine gun to beat off the security guards and the scissors from the





hospital to cut a rope holding up a sandbag. This will disable the stage guards and allow you to grab GWAR stage costumes so you can blag your way to perform with the band.

Finally, if you managed to catch a cat by using pizza as bait whilst couch fishing(!) this will distract the dog.



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The END

SONIC'S WORLD
Brute Force
Part 4
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EVIL ROBOT BRUTUS, SECOND IN COMMAND TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, HAS DISCOVERED THE LOCATION OF THE EMERALD HILL FOLK AND NOW PLANS TO ATTACK THEM...
THEY'RE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND! PREPARE AN INVASION FORCE!
YES, COMMANDER!
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT? I NEVER TOLD YOU!
IT WAS EASY! I USED MY MIND SCANNER TO ABSORB A COPY OF YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS!
HOW SNEAKY!
NOW I KNOW SECRETS EVEN ROBOTNIK IS NOT AWARE OF... WHICH MAKES ME THE MOST POWERFUL INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANET!

MEANWHILE, AT CITADEL ROBOTNIK, THE OTHER MOST POWERFUL INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANET IS FAR FROM HAPPY...
GRIMER! ANY NEWS OF COMMANDER BRUTUS YET?
N-NO, DOCTOR! WE CAN'T TRACE HIM!
BRUTUS HAS BECOME TOO DISOBEDIENT! IT'S TIME I GAVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
ER... YOU ALREADY DID THAT, SIR, WHEN YOU PROGRAMMED HIM WITH YOUR PERSONALITY!
LESS OF YOUR CHEEK, GRIMER! BRUTUS IS UP TO SOMETHING... I CAN SENSE IT!
SURE ENOUGH...
YOU'RE PLANNING TO TURN AGAINST ROBOTNIK?
YES, BUT DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP, OUTLAW! I DON'T PLAN ON BEING A HERO!
WHEN I ATTACK THE FLOATING ISLAND, PEOPLE WILL FEAR ME! THEY'LL LOSE RESPECT FOR ROBOTNIK AND I WILL BE THE NEW RULER OF MOBIUS!
SOMEHOW I GET THE FEELING THAT WON'T BE A GOOD THING FOR ANY OF US!

THE CREW AWAIT YOUR ORDERS, COMMANDER!
GOOD! SET COURSE FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND! WE MUST DESTROY ALL... ALL...
N-NO! THIS IS... WRONG! WE MUST... NOT...
COMMANDER! WHAT IS IT?
TAKE THAT, YOU BUCKET-HEADED CREEPS!
AAGH!
FZZAKK!
HEY, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE THE BAD GUY?
I... I AM CONFUSED! WHY DID I DO THAT?
ER... SPRING CLEANING?

THE COMMANDER HAS GONE MAD!
WE MUST RELIEVE HIM OF DUTY!
YOU GOONS DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
FDAMM!
NO! WHAT AM I DOING?
IT MUST BE THE EFFECTS OF THE MIND SCANNER! I TOOK A COPY OF LIGHTFOOT'S MIND, BUT ALSO ABSORBED HIS PERSONALITY!
GOT TO... REVERSE THE PROCESS! WIPE OUT ALL TRACE OF THAT RABBIT'S THOUGHTS! AARRGH!
THIS DEVICE IS TOO DANGEROUS TO USE AGAIN!
KRAKK!
CRUSHH!

SO... THE OUTLAW HAS FLED! NO MATTER! THERE WILL BE OTHER BATTLES!
DRAT! WHEN I DELETED JOHNNY'S PERSONALITY FROM MY BRAIN, IT ALSO WIPED OUT THE SECRETS I DISCOVERED! NOW, THAT KNOWLEDGE IS LOST FOREVER!
PLAN DEFEATED, BRUTUS LEAVES THE ZONE...
GOOD RIDDANCE, TIN HEAD!
...AND RETURNS TO HIS HIDDEN BASE IN THE MISERY ZONE...
IT IS TIME TO MAKE NEW PLANS...
I WILL BUILD NEW BADNIKS! INCREASE MY SECRET ARMY! DOMINATE MOBIUS... AND ROBOTNIK WILL BE NOTHING BUT A MEMORY!
THE END - BUT BEWARE! BRUTUS WILL RETURN!

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SEEING RED!

Dear *STC*,

I am an angry **Tails** fan who is sick of seeing the most over-hyped character in Sega history ... **Knuckles**! The only way Tails ever gets featured is as a complete wimp, compared to you know who! You might as well change the title to *KTC* (Knuckles the Comic).

Sarah Rose, Walkden, Manchester.
MD Owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Thanks for the suggestion, Sarah ... I don't suppose you'll buy a copy of the Knuckles Special then? Look out for the next Tails adventure which begins next issue!

Tails in a rather fetching outfit!
Please write in with full address.

BOOMING MAD!

Dear Megadroid,

I had hoped that after the *STC* re-design, you would put an end to calling your readers 'Boomers'!

Ryan Bass, Milton Keynes.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Well now Boomer Bass, STC's original editor-hume, Big Chief Burton, invented the phrase which came from 'Sonic Boom'. Dare I ask what you'd prefer STC readers to be called?

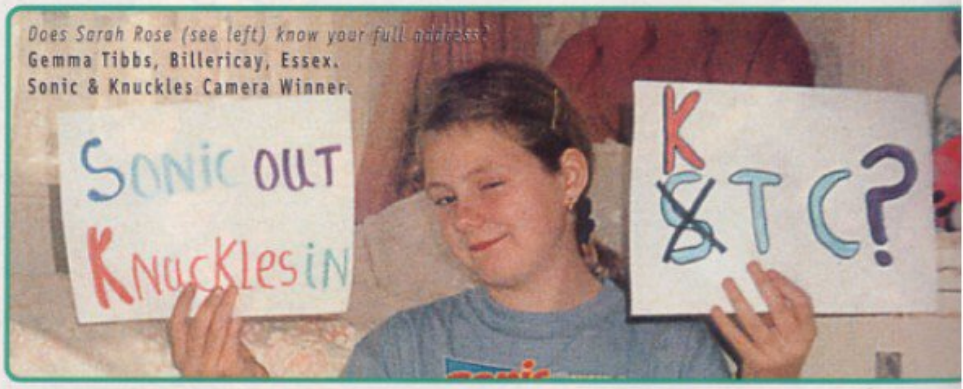
PLUNDER CLAP!

Dear Megadroid,

A long time ago you said that **Captain Plunder** would be coming back! As this comic strip started back in *STC* 50, don't you think it's time he appeared? If it does happen I might just applaud *STC*!

Alex Hose, Langport, Somerset.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

It just so happens, Alex, that Captain Plunder returns in issue 74 for a brand new Knuckles story.



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..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN *STC*.

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2ND CHOICE .....

3RD CHOICE .....

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